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FROM : Amembassy SAIGON DATE: September 8, 1967

SUBJECT : Message of Appreciation from Chief of State to COMUSMACV

REF :

The following is the text of a telegram from Lt. General Nguyen Van Thieu, Chairman of the National Leadership Committee, to General William C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV, expressing appreciation to the U. S. forces for their assistance in providing security on election day:

"On the occasion of the presidential and senatorial elections in the Republic of Vietnam on September 3rd, all the units under your command have most effectively contributed to assure security in various parts of the country, and made it possible for the Vietnamese population to participate in these elections in large numbers, in spite of communist threats and acts of terrorism.

"Thanks to your precious cooperation, physical security has been provided to the people of Vietnam who are thus given the possibility to accomplish their long-standing desire to establish solid democratic institutions and to select by their free votes the leaders and representatives of their choice.

"Please accept my most sincere thanks and convey my heartfelt appreciation to all the officers and men under your command for their invaluable help in assuring the security for the population on election day.

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"In so doing, they have greatly helped us in our efforts towards a true and meaningful democracy in the face of communist aggression and tyranny.

"Sincerely yours - Lt. General Nguyen-Van-Thieu, Chairman of the National Leadership Committee."

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